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CHASKA CITY COUNCIL
June 5, 2017

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1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by Mayor Windschitl at 7:00 pm.

2.Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call
Roll call was taken. Present: Councilmembers Boe, Geisler, Rohe, Schulz, and Mayor Windschitl.
Absent: none.

Also Present: Matt Podhradsky, City Administrator; Nate Kabat, Assistant City Administrator; Matt Clark, City Engineer; Kevin Ringwald, Community Development Director; and, Luke Melchert, City Attorney.

4. Adopt the Agenda
Motion by Councilmember Boe, second by Councilmember Geisler, to adopt the agenda.

City Administrator Podhradsky noted the agenda has been revised, with the removal of item Nos. 7(a) and 7(f).

Motion carried.

5. Visitor Presentation
- Update on Breakaway Academy – Dave Snuggerud

City Administrator Podhradsky stated Breakaway Academy is located on the lower level of the Community Center, and is an academic school that also has hockey training.

Dave Snuggerud, Co-Founder of Breakaway Academy and Director of Academics, reported after five years, they currently have 66 students and will reach their maximum at 72 students. They have students attending from the western metro area, as well as families that have moved here from other states.

Andy Brink, Co-Founder of Breakaway Academy and Director of Athletics, thanked the Community Center staff for their hospitality and work. He publicly recognized Karen Campbell, Colleen Goodrich, Jaime Wiemann, Mary Monteith, Patty Tollackson, Erin Link, Tessa Syverson, David Wabbe, Ron Piper, Kevin Lindgren, and Dave Peterson.

- Alzheimer's Awareness Month

Sue Spalding, Alzheimer's Association Minnesota, commented they still need to raise awareness for the resources that the Alzheimer's Association provides. She announced June is Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month, and on June 21, the City is going to participate with purple lighting on the stage at Fireman's Park and the fountain in Brickyard Clayhole Lake. She encouraged people to share their Alzheimer's stories at #ALZstories or #endALZ.

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Councilmember Schulz inquired about the location of their offices. Ms. Spalding responded their main office is in Edina, but they also have offices in Rochester, St. Cloud, Duluth, and Fergus Falls.

Mayor Windschitl advised due to the amount of people present, item No. 9 will be moved ahead of item No. 8. The Council agreed.

6. Minutes

Motion by Councilmember Rohe, second by Councilmember Schulz to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2017 City Council meeting.
Motion carried.

7. Consent Agenda

Motion by Councilmember Geisler, second by Councilmember Boe to approve the amended Consent Agenda items a through h:

a. ~~Approve 1-day Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating License for Excelsior Brewing, with contingency~~
b. Adopt Resolution No. 17-48, Approving Amendment to the Development Agreement with Center Green Association
   Motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-48, Approving Amendments to the Development Agreement with Center Green Association
c. Adopt Resolution No. 17-49, Approving a Premises Permit Application for the Chaska Lions Club at Crooked Pint Ale House
   Motion to approve Resolution No. 17-49, Approving Premises Permit Application for the Chaska Lions Club at Crooked Pint Ale House
d. Adopt Resolution No. 17-50, Approving a Transient Permit for Finer Meats and Eats
   Motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-50, Approving Transient Permit for Doug Meyer, of Finer Meats and Eats.
e. Adopt Resolution No. 17-51, Approving Solicitor Permits for Insight Pest Solutions
   Motion to adopt Resolution No. 17-51, Approving Solicitor Permits for Representative of Insight Pest Solutions
f. ~~Approve 1-day Temporary On-Sale Intoxicating License for Chankaska Creek Ranch and Winery, with contingency~~
g. Approve 2016 Interfund Transfers
   Motion to approve 2016 Interfund Transfers
h. Special Assessment Agreement – Chaska Creek Center
   Motion to authorize preparation of the final assessment agreement, and further, authorized the City Administrator to move forward with implementation of said agreement

Councilmember Boe commented he was glad to see Center Green moving forward with progress.

Motion carried.

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9. Consideration of Providing Letter of Support for Proposed Transitional Housing Project
City Administrator Podhradsky presented the item to the Council.

Mayor Windschitl inquired why a letter of support is needed.

Dave Pokorney, Community Asset Development Group, responded a letter of support is needed in their Coordinated Housing Application to the State for homeless transitional housing funding, which is due June 15. They expect this project to qualify for a 9 percent tax credit which would fund 70 percent of the total project. To date, they have 50 percent of the total project committed for in cash. The extra money will be used toward initial operating expenses. They have received a letter of support from the Carver County Housing Authority. He provided background and statistics on homelessness in Minnesota and Carver County, and the key elements of their vision.

Mr. Pokorney reported the concept plan includes 28 units of studio, one, and two bedroom apartments, common meeting spaces, and office spaces for staff. The three initial sites included Yellow Brick Road, north of Charter Bank, and the corner of Hickory Street and Highway 212. They have focused on the Hickory Street site. It consists of about 1.4 acres donated by John Klingelhutz, and will also include 1.2 acres adjacent to the site currently owned by the City. It would be a two-story building with underground parking. They will know what type of funding they receive from the State in October, and hope to begin construction in 2018. He provided a rendering of the concept plan for the proposed site. The project will be owned by a local nonprofit, managed by a nonprofit manager, and they would like to engage the community in ownership.

Bob Roepke, Community Asset Development Group, introduced Sarah Cronin representing the Lindell Foundation, and stated they have committed $2,000,000 towards this project.

Dan Pfarr, CEO of 180 Degrees, commented they have experience in helping people become self-sufficient. Many people become homeless because of medical bills, and supporting people in their own community is the best concept. When people have stable, transitional housing, they do not become chronically homeless. As caretaker and service providers of the property, they want to make sure people live with dignity, have quality services, and every opportunity to get a fresh start. As done with their other properties similar to this, they plan to partner with the community, churches, and businesses to better understand the needs of the community. With Hope House, they lease the property for $1.00, and Westwood Community Church takes care of all the maintenance.

Mary Lambert, 1212 Crosstown Boulevard, commented there is no affordable housing in Chaska and inquired where people will live after they transition out of this housing.

Mr. Pfarr commented they consider a resident's job and provide vocational training to increase wages and provide the ability to afford higher rents. Lack of affordable housing is a community issue and finding housing can be a challenge. However, sometimes a transition is needed to address debt relief or medical issues.

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Mr. Roepke continued his presentation. He commented they are working with Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC), which has 26 churches as partners and has expressed strong support for this project. They have 10 letters of support and commitment from churches and community organizations, with other letters in process for approval. Some have committed to a one-time $10,000 donation to sponsor an apartment unit for furnishings. There are not resources for the homeless in suburban areas like there is in major cities. This project is not going to end homelessness, but it will make it a rarer, briefer, and a nonrepeatable experience. He understands the frustration that other communities should share in this responsibility, and hopes this will provide awareness to suburban homeless issues.

Mayor Windschitl requested clarification on residents that are able to pay rent, who would qualify from Carver County to live in this facility, and what other areas residents would be chosen from. He expressed concern with the number of families from Carver County that are able to serve due to the qualifications.

Mr. Roepke responded this project is primarily to support residents from Carver County.

Jen Romero, Housing Coordinator for Carver County Health and Human Services and manager of the homeless priority list for Carver and Scott County, explained they partner with Scott County to find housing for homeless people. When there is a vacancy in the proposed project, it will be reported to her. She will then find the next potentially eligible candidate on her list that would be a good fit for the unit available. Eligibility requirements could include homelessness for over a year, a disability, criminal background checks, or employment to pay for part of the unit. She has proposed that veterans have top priority for every unit. Eligibility criteria will be determined in the next steps of the planning process and she anticipates they will be able to fill this housing project with Carver and Scott County residents only. However, if they cannot, they will then go to the continuum of care partners and the greater metro.

Councilmember Rohe inquired about the disability requirement.

Ms. Romero stated about 60 to 70 percent of the units will have a disability requirement. The units that do would need to have a disability form completed by a medical professional in order to be eligible.

Mr. Roepke commented a board made up of community members would be created to oversee and identify the guidelines and policies for eligibility.

Councilmember Rohe inquired if funding was contingent on the number of counties this housing will serve.

Mr. Pokorney stated no and that is why they are setting it up as a local nonprofit. They can include criteria that states people in Carver County are a priority. He described certain types of funding and their requirements, but stated they would not receive that funding because the requirements do not meet their mission. There are six units that will be eligible for project based vouchers, eight units that will be funded by the nonprofit, and seven units for people with disabilities.

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Ms. Romero stated there are various funding sources that will assist people to live in the property. If there is an opening that does not have funding from a supportive housing project, then a certain number of those will require a disability. Twelve of the units require a voucher that requires a disability, and that is what makes up the 60 to 70 percent that will require a disability.

Councilmember Rohe inquired if the applicants have to go through a process that show this is a last resort.

Ms. Romero commented all the agencies will work together and the priority for this project will be for people who have not been able to locate housing in the general market. It is a tight market and it does not take much to not be able to find a unit. Case managers are trying to house people with these vouchers, but they run out of time to find housing since there are few vacancies. This proposed transitional housing allows people to use their voucher sooner and to begin working on the obstacles they are facing in finding permanent housing.

Mr. Pokorney commented within the funding application, it states they will set their own selection criteria for tenants, but will select them through Ms. Romero's list and the coordinated social service process.

Councilmember Geisler expressed concern there is no specific end date that a tenant could stay.

Mr. Pokorney responded the State does not think that transitional housing works because it forces people out too soon. Supportive housing means they have counseling in moving out. They will not kick someone out, but the system will force them out. They will run out of a voucher program and they will not be able to pay rent.

Councilmember Rohe inquired if there are milestones the residents have to meet.

Mr. Pokorney responded the counseling services create a program for each resident of how they can transition into normal housing.

Ms. Romero stated each of the vouchers has its own requirements and each of units do as well. A support service person meets with the residents regularly to work on goals and progress towards the goal of self-sufficiency.

Mr. Pokorney commented the support service people are paid through the nonprofit or through County vouchers.

In response to the Council, Ms. Romero commented a 17-year-old could live at Hope House until they turned 18, which is the minimum age requirement for this proposed project.

Mayor Windschitl inquired how they know who is a Carver County resident if they are homeless.

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Ms. Romero responded when people come to them seeking homeless services, they do an extensive homeless history, figure out where they have been living for the past three years, and determine their residency from that.

Corey Magstadt, Executive Director of Launch Ministry, explained there are access points throughout the County for homeless people to go and be put on the waiting list. They have been the access point for homeless youth (18-25 years old) in Carver County. Last year they had 202 youth go through their drop-in center last year. 65 percent of them were from Carver County, 35 percent were from Scott County, and two youth were from Hennepin County. This shows they are not seeing people who are experiencing homelessness from Hennepin County or other counties.

Councilmember Boe commented he is glad to hear the goal is to move people along and help them to meet their goals. He inquired about the implications of the Olmstead Act and if it could impact the ability of who they let in.

Ms. Romero explained the Olmstead Act says the client gets to choose where they live. It does not require them to accept people they would not otherwise based on eligibility requirements. Their list is in order of those that are chronically homeless for over a year, long-term homelessness by the States definition, and then more recent experiences with homelessness. The longer a person has been homeless, the higher they are on the list.

Mayor Windschitl stated this discussion should happen at other City Council meetings, and inquired if Carver County has talked with other cities about homelessness.

Ms. Romero commented she was part of a meeting where different City staff members were at the table to discuss homelessness. Also, the Heading Home Scott-Carver Initiative has done presentations around Scott and Carver County.

Mark Holmes, City of Chaska resident, commented the Carver County Housing and Redevelopment Authority has purchased private homes, but there has only been one Carver County family placed in them. There is confusion on whether to use State or Federal guidelines with the different types of housing.

Mayor Windschitl stated they have tried to keep a mixture of one-third of each and they are close to those numbers. The market drives what is built and he cannot dictate what should be built.

Mr. Holmes inquired how many Chaska residents were placed in Creeks Run when it was first built.

Mayor Windschitl responded there were no promises it would be filled with Chaska Residents.

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Mr. Magstadt commented when the Carver County Community Development Authority (CDA) is part of the property, they are obligated the following fair housing rules. Because they are working with a nonprofit on this project, they can set eligibility requirements.

The Council explained to the audience they are discussing a lot greater detail than what this topic is ready for. This agenda item is to approve a letter of support that is needed for the funding process regarding the concept, which will also address reservations about the location and how it will be run. It is not an approval of the project.

Kevin Swift, 830 Cascade Drive, inquired about the length of temporary housing for a resident, if a time limit could be imposed, and if this facility would exclude those with addictions due to the amount of resources already available to them. He also requested clarification on the number of units that will require no rent paid.

Mr. Holmes inquired if this project has been presented to other communities.

In response to Mr. Swift, the average length of time for a resident to part of the transitional program is a maximum of 24 months. There are other programs that help with addictions very well, but it is likely a resident could be in treatment or recovery.

Travis Morrison, 840 Cascade Drive, commented he agrees they should help the poor, but this is a huge facility. He expressed concern with the five to 10 percent retention rate, qualification requirements, no fixed end date, and lack of affordable housing available.

Karin Grubisch, 530 Cascade Drive, commented unless the proposed housing is only for Carver County residents, the Council should not vote to support the letter. She clarified the Edina homeless housing that was discussed at the previous meeting is for youth ages 18 to 24, and is located in a former TCF Bank building, not in a residential area. She expressed concern with who will be building the project. This land is owned by Klinglehutz, who also owns DDK Construction. If he is the builder, he benefits from the project. She requested to know if there will be short term units available for people that need to stay one night, why the former City Manager has so much interest in proposing this project, who in Chaska is using past positions with the City to influence this project, and what other past City and business officials would benefit if this project is approved. The taxpayers owe it to themselves to understand all the background information and possible conflicts of interest for the people pushing for this project.

Mr. Magstadt responded they have talked about a Phase 2 plan which would provide emergency housing in the basement, but it is not part of the Phase 1 plan or part of the current application. There is a need for it in Chaska and it would require additional discussion, approval, and community support.

Mr. Pokorney commented they got involved in this because the community has been studying the homeless issue. He, along with Mr. Roepke, have developed six other senior housing projects across the State. They are proposing this as a new project because they feel it is the right way to do it. The total project cost is about $6,000,000, and they get a fee of $250,000

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which will all be donated back. They would be glad to use DDK Builders since they have used them on many of their other projects and have done a good job. The would want to use a small builder like them because they do not want to build an institutional type apartment, but it will be up to the nonprofit board to make that decision.

Ms. Romero stated there are more affordable housing supportive programs, not affordable housing units, and that is why they have a hard time finding housing for people who get vouchers.

Councilmember Rohe commented Carver County is ranked as the 18th most affluent County in the Country.

Judy Lallak, 208 Hickory Street, lives four houses away from the location of this proposed project. Traffic has already increased on Hickory Street, she has been told her house value will go down 12 to 15 percent if this project is built, and the site use should remain as it was intended for an office building. The traffic on Hickory Street will be worse with an additional 28 housing units on that street.

Marilyn Thompson, 201 Hickory Street, commented Hickory Street is a major thoroughfare through downtown Chaska that cars drive too fast on and she inquired where the children that are living in the proposed housing will play.

Brian Astry, 3834 Founders Path, inquired how this location was chosen.

Mr. Pokorney responded they looked at a site on Yellow Brick Road, a site along Walnut Street, and the proposed site on Hickory Street. The Walnut Street site was not adequate in size to support a 30-unit building and parking requirements, and the Yellow Brick Road site could only handle a 20-unit building. The proposed site is also preferred due to its proximity to other services, the transit line, and is of adequate size. The topography also allows for a two-story building with underground parking. They will be addressing the traffic concerns in future planning, but they do not feel traffic counts would be any different than if an 30,000-square foot office building were there. It may even generate less traffic than an average apartment building.

Councilmember Geisler inquired about the land that is owned by the City of Chaska.

Mr. Pokorney responded the City owned land would be addressed through the development process. If the City did not want to release its property, the building would still fit on the site. Other issues on the site include an easement and a large storm sewer through the property. They also plan to tear down the Klinglehutz house that is on the property.

Councilmember Boe inquired if the letter of support being requested is tied to this specific site.

Mr. Pokorney responded it is site specific, but if the funding is obtained and they are approved on another site in the City by the Council, the State can then move the location.

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City Administrator Podhradsky clarified the drafted letter identifies some of the site issues. The application must be site specific, but the letter from the City state whatever the Council decides.

Councilmember Rohe inquired what happens if the State approves financing, and then through the concept plan, the City decides the site will no longer work.

Mr. Pokorney responded if they do get funding and they site is moved within the same community, they may be able to shift the funding. The State is very focused on local support, otherwise the project will not work.

Councilmember Rohe commented he has known both Mr. Pokorney and Mr. Roepke for 20 years, served with them in a variety of different ways, and they are outstanding people that he is proud to have as part of the community.

Mr. Roepke commented the $2,000,000 donations given by The Mike Lindell Foundation was driven by Mike wanting to do something in his home community to meet a growing need. He calls Chaska home and it is a condition of his donation. He requested support of the concept so that they can move forward to see if they get the funding.

Joy Murphy, 3906 Carver Path, commented she recently moved to Chaska, fully supports the concept, but her main concern is safety. They need to know what the eligibility requirements are and who they are bringing in to the neighborhood. They need more information before they can support this facility.

Mayor Windschitl commented this project is going through the same procedure that all projects do and nothing was sidetracked. He understands the safety concern, but they do extensive background checks and residents cannot have a felony on their record. These types of precautions are not done if someone were to build a house in the neighborhood. There are things being done to dictate who moves in there and safety is being addressed.

Mr. Magstadt commented building this facility does not bring homeless people to the City. They are already here and they are hoping to help them.

Rod Coleman, 634 Tupelo Way, inquired how Mr. Magstadt identified two homeless people on his way here. He supports the concept, but expressed concern with the location. It was not part of the master plan and people have invested in this area thinking that site would be something different.

In response to Mr. Coleman, Mr. Magstadt stated the couple he identified as homeless frequent the drop-in center that he is part of.

Councilmember Geisler clarified the June 15 deadline is only for the letter and filing the application for funding, not for plan approval.

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City Administrator Podhradsky advised the final draft of the letter will be made public when it is finished.

Tammy Seemann, 110307 Center Green Circle, commented anyone in the room could be homeless one day and they are helping their community citizens. There are members in the community that support this project.

Ray Grove, 908 Cascade Way, commented people are scared because they do not have information and some of it is contradicting what has been said previously. Everyone has said they want to help, but getting community support requires information. Regarding property values, there is no context on what this project will do, so it is hard to say how they will be affected. He inquired how they are going to move this process forward and get people involved so that they can support it.

Councilmember Rohe asked by show of hands how many people live within a half mile of the proposed site and if it was concept or location that they were against. A majority of the audience responded it was location.

Mr. Grove pointed out he is not against the site or location because he does not have enough information to make a decision. He inquired where Councilmember Rohe lived.

Councilmember Rohe stated he lives in Ward 4, he has fought battles for his Ward as well as battles for this neighborhood. He commented it is so different that people are so involved this early in the process. It is not a done deal just because it is before the Council and they are way ahead on this process. One thing that has made Chaska special is the residents have a bigger heart than other communities and a lot of strength from the service organizations. Every faith based church has had their lead pastor discuss and support the merit of this application, and it is important to shed light on things like this. He understands it is down the street from some residents, but there is a moral obligation to take care of their fellow citizens. They need more information and to give it the opportunity to go through the process.

Mayor Windschitl inquired if it would be helpful to have Mr. Roepke have a meeting with the residents.

Mr. Grove stated it would be helpful and Mr. Roepke has already agreed to that.

Councilmember Geisler commented the article in paper had so little information, but just enough for the public to wonder what was going on. The Council knows just as much about the project as the public.

Councilmember Schulz stated this project is different because it requires a letter of support for funding before it can get to the point where all the details are provided in the concept plan stage. The letter confirms there is a need, but the City does not support any specific site until the proposal goes through the planning process.

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Councilmember Rohe referred to a project in 2001 where they had long meetings throughout the planning process with the Mary's House project. He envisions that to happen with this project, but it is still very early in the process. They need to allow Mr. Pokorney to get the financing and then give them the opportunity to convince everyone how it is all going to work.

Councilmember Geisler commented she sees it as prequalifying for a mortgage. The letter of support is like prequalifying, but not saying they are going to get the money.

Mr. Roepke stated they are willing to have neighborhood sessions to share information as they move forward.

Doug Allen, 660 Cascade Drive, expressed concern with the kids in the facility and inquired if they want to have it located where on one side the speed limit is 50 mph, and on the other side is West Chaska Creek. The residents will be walking down to Coopers, and they do not know them. He knows some homeless people that have turned their lives around, but there are some that are unable to do so. 20 percent of the homeless are mentally ill and counseling is very important. The money will most likely be available in years to come, they should do this project, but it should be done the right way. A smaller facility should be considered and the Council needs to look at it more closely before they sign off on it and are able to fully support it.

Mike Grubisch, 530 Cascade Drive, commented he does not think anyone is against helping the homeless, but a different site should be considered. There are a lot of undeveloped areas in the County.

Mary Stapleton, former Chaska Planning Commission member, commented she supports the concept and hopes the Council will go through with the letter. She explained it is not a homeless shelter. It is transitional housing, the residents are busy, it is wonderful for the people there, and no one wants to spend their entire life there because they want to get out on their own.

Councilmember Boe supports the concept, but has concerns with the site. It is a long process and there are a lot of opportunities to discuss and fine tune the project.

City Administrator Podhradsky stated the letter addresses there are issues with the site, but does not list the site.

Mayor Windschitl stated he is concerned with supporting a project and then having it come back and they decide not to support it.

Kevin Connelly, 613 Tupelo Way, commented the application and letter are being submitted on the proposed site. Based on what was said at this meeting, they do not have support for the proposed site.

Mr. Allen stated there is only one site listed on the application and the Council needs to vote on that.

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Motion by Councilmember Rohe, second by Councilmember Boe, to consider approval of Letter of Support for proposed Transitional Housing Project as written.

Councilmember Schulz stated it is a tough decision. He understands the need for transitional housing, but more information is needed. He would also like to see this conversation driven in other communities. There are more needs and the requirement will be more of these types of facilities.

Councilmember Geisler explained the residents need access to the government center and transportation, so it cannot be located out in the middle of nowhere. She supports the need, but is not sold on the site. The letter will have to remain ambiguous because they cannot support a specific site.

Mr. Roepke agreed that these discussions need to happen in other communities and there needs to be a shared vision between communities. This provides an opportunity to build a broader vision that other communities can buy into.

Roll call was taken. Voting aye: Councilmembers Rohe and Boe. Voting nay: Councilmembers Geisler, Schulz, and Mayor Windschitl.
Motion failed.

Recess to Closed Session
(2:41:00) Mayor Windschitl advised the Council will now meet in a closed session regarding pending litigation for the Highway 212 Police Shootings. He read a statement regarding this item.

Motion by Councilmember Boe, second by Councilmember Schulz, to recess to a closed session.
Motion carried.

Reconvene Regular Meeting to Open Session
(2:45:00) Motion by Councilmember Rohe, second by Councilmember Boe, to close the closed session and reconvene the regular meeting.
Motion carried.

Consider Settlement Agreement on the Highway 212 Shooting Incident
City Administrator Podhradsky stated the official recommended settlement for the case that was discussed in the closed session is a Rule 68 offer of $1,000,000 to the plaintiff. This is typically done to cap attorney's fees and was accepted by the plaintiff.

City Administrator Podhradsky explained under the League of Minnesota Cities policy, they have a $1,500,000 limit on any single occurrence. The Rule 68 $1,000,000 settlement was covered by their insurance policy and up to $500,000 of attorney's fees. The attorney's fees exceeded this amount and the proposal approved by the judge caps these fees at $750,000.

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This $250,000 difference will come from the City's Self Insurance Fund, which has a balance of over $1,000,000.

City Administrator Podhradsky stated in cases like this, it is very difficult for cities to navigate without having to weigh the financial risks associated with it. The officer involved in this case, Brady Juell, was dropped as a defendant and the City of Chaska was inserted in his place. Mr. Juell had the City's support, was not indicted by the Grand Jury, had a very strong case that the action he took was justified, and removing him from the case reiterated that even more. It is unfortunate that the legal system puts the City in situations where they have to ask the question if they are going to be the best stewards of City dollars, what is the least amount of risk they put City dollars in. This is a reasonable settlement to get closure with this case and to provide Mr. Juell with some relief in this process.

Motion made by Councilmember Geisler, second by Councilmember Schulz to approve the settlement agreement on the Highway 212 shooting incident.
Motion carried.

8. Adopt Resolution No. 17-52 Accepting the Feasibility Report Amendment for Clover Ridge Drive Extension/Frey Property/Chaska Boulevard
City Administrator Podhradsky introduced the item to the Council.

City Engineer Clark presented the item to the Council.

Mayor Windschitl commented phasing the project and crossing the creek must be done.

City Engineer Clark stated it must be done by the developer because the majority of it is being assessed to neighboring development areas. The goal is to have Phase 1 done by the end of the year.

City Administrator Podhradsky stated their goal was to provide access to the medical office building this summer. The section south of Phase 1 and north of the creek has bad soils and needs to surcharge for a year.

Mayor Windschitl inquired if they will pay higher rates due to the timing of the project.

City Engineer Clark responded the City's participation of the projects are based on the $112,000 and there may be some increased costs that incur because of bidding it late.

City Administrator Podhradsky stated the developer plans to do the mass grading sometime in July after the assessment agreement is completed.

Motion by Councilmember Rohe, second by Councilmember Boe, to adopt Resolution No. 17-52 Accepting the Feasibility Report Amendment for Clover Ridge Extension/Frey Property/Chaska Creek Boulevard.
Motion carried.

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10. Special Assessment Agreement – Chaska Creek Center
This item was approved on the Consent Agenda under item No. 7(h).

11. Bills
Motion was made by Councilmember Boe, second by Councilmember Geisler to approve bills as presented. Roll call was taken. Voting aye: Councilmembers Geisler, Boe, Rohe, Schulz and Mayor Windschitl. Voting nay: None

12. Other Business
A. City Administrator's Bi-Weekly Report – received

Councilmember Geisler

- Commented she has received a lot of calls about what happened to the PA system. City Administrator Podhradsky stated it is a brand-new system, but there was operator error. Mayor Windschitl stated they hope to get the speeches in the paper.
- Commented she has received a lot of complaints regarding the mosquitos. City Administrator Podhradsky stated the Mosquito Control District is in charge of spraying. They do helicopter application as well as treat individual ponds. If there are areas that are particularly bad, residents should contact the Mosquito Control District and they will send someone out to test the area to determine what needs to be done.
- Inquired about planting a tree in City Square Park. City Administrator Podhradsky responded City Square Park is in the 2018 Capital Improvement Plan and suggested they not do anything until then.
- Inquired about dog park locations. City Administrator Podhradsky stated they are getting closer to identifying locations and it will be back before the Council for a decision.

Councilmember Rohe

- Commented an approved portable toilet has not arrived at the pickle ball courts yet. Assistant City Administrator Kabat made note of this.

Councilmember Boe

- Reminded everyone there is a leash law in Chaska, they must pick up after their pets, and yard waste should not be dumped into public spaces. Yard waste can be dumped at specified areas during the City wide clean up or at the County Environmental Center throughout the year.

City Administrator Schulz

- Inquired about the crosswalk at Louisa Court. City Engineer Clark responded he looked at it and had concerns on the location and placement from where people were actually crossing. They have tried to promote the safe crosswalk locations that are destination bound and want to make sure they are cooperating with the bus company. They are waiting to hear back from the bus company and will get a better feel for how people are crossing in that intersection. There are also sight line issues with the hedge along the easterly side. City Administrator Podhradsky commented one of the concerns is the

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bus company running both directions. Councilmember Rohe confirmed the bus stops on both sides.

- Stated the State bonding on transportation was approved for $10,500,000 to help the construction of the interchange. He thanked Representatives Tom Workman and Joe Hoppe, Senator Scott Jensen, and Brian Rice for their work on this issue.

Mayor Windschitl

- Inquired about a crosswalk from the parking lot over to the VFW. City Administrator Podhradsky suggested they wait until they see the finished Veterans Park plan.
- Inquired if it was possible to move the flashing yellow lights from 61 to Highway 41. City Engineer Clark stated they intend to apply for a permit, have the HAWK system available and installed on Highway 41, and have the rapid flash beacon removed from 61 and installed at another location in town.
- Commented the Chaska Area Fishing with Friends had a clinic at Fireman's Park on Saturday and there were about 60 kids in attendance. It was done well and they hope to expand it.
- Announced Assistant City Administrator Kabat is now a Chaska resident.
- Advised the next meeting will be on June 19.

12. Adjourn

Motion by Councilmember Rohe, second by Councilmember Schulz to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 pm.
Motion carried.